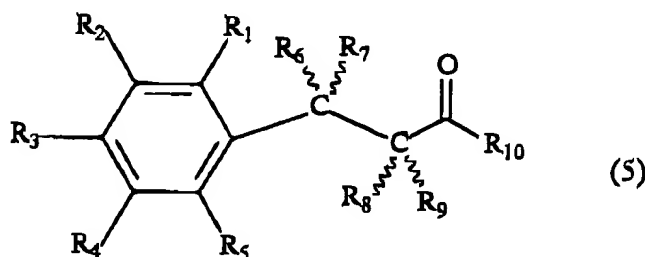


Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 1 with the following text:

The compound of formula (1), where R_{10} is a hydrogen atom, can be prepared by reacting under reductive alkylation conditions an aldehyde having the formula (5):



where $R_1, R_2, R_3, R_4, R_5, R_6, R_7, R_8, R_9$ and R_{10} have the same meanings as $R_1, R_2, R_3, R_4, R_5, R_6, R_7, R_8, R_9$ and R_{10} , respectively in formula (1);

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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30. (Amended) A method of imparting sweetness into a substance comprising adding at least one compound of claim 1 to said substance, wherein said substance is selected from the group consisting of a food item, a beverage, a soft-drink, a fruit juice, a tea, water, a confectionery, chewing gum, a hygiene product, a toiletry, a cosmetic, a pharmaceutical product and a veterinary product.

31. (Amended) A method of producing the compound as defined in claim 1, wherein R_{10} is a hydrogen atom comprising: